

A detailed botanical illustration of a seed pod or fruit. The specimen is elongated and curved, with a pointed tip. It is shown in a side view, revealing the internal structure, which appears to be a single seed or fruit. The drawing is done in a fine, dark line, possibly ink or a fine pen, on a light-colored, textured paper. The overall shape is somewhat oval, with a slight indentation at the top and a pointed tip at the bottom. The internal structure is depicted with fine lines, suggesting a hollow or a specific internal arrangement. The drawing is a single, continuous line drawing, with no shading or color. It is a detailed study of the specimen's form and structure.

Mrs Sarah Bristol
Care of Mr. B. Bristol Esq
New Haven
Conn^t

I suppose she will of course give me another letter with a shorter interval than usual between it & its predecessor. In a former one she had upbraided me for neglecting your postscript, in this she acknowledges my notice of it, but seems to think it deserved a letter as a response. You perceive by this that we agreed, as I had not nearly thought this, without any premonition from her. It shows that I am as grateful as she would have me to be.

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who have surrendered so much to me. F. seems so much pleased with her winter "at home" that I am quite jealous, & fearful lest when I attempt next fall, to tear her away, she may refuse to come to her despised Southern tenement. If she should resist thus, it will place me in an awkward predicament, as at this distance from her, I have ventured to put forth diverse & sundry boasts of my supremacy & having a wife that will not oppose my will. She does not hesitate to say, that it has been a great comfort to her to fall into her old haunts & habits, untrammelled by a husband - & she makes much ado about what she has learnt in the culinary & housekeeping line this winter from you, but seems to fear that it will all be of little avail in the confusion & disorder of Southern housekeeping. I have however often told her that by practising a little Yankee ingenuity she might reduce this confusion into good order, & by closely watching your modes of getting along, introduce something approximating to it here - You may tell her, that worn out with the toils & troubles of Key bearing, I have made a surrender to Tabby of those jingling appendages & have thereby advanced my comfort 100 per cent. - We are to have a marriage in the neighborhood in a day or two, which will add to our female circle. My next neighbor (a Mr Rembert who purchased the place formerly owned by my uncle, & who is about 70 years of age) a man of very considerable wealth, is to connect himself with a girl (25 years old) living 3 or 4 miles off of a low & poor family a perfect December & June affair. They will hardly be visited by any of us who set up to be a little above common folks. As he has once been a married man, I can excuse him, from my own feelings this winter, for the step, as I think if F. is away from me another, I will have to take another wife, just to have somebody along about to quarrel with when I am in the humor. Now if anything goes wrong, I have nobody to blame but myself, which is quite irksome. You see from the date of my letter, compared with previous promises

I will probably have only 6 weeks or thereabouts more of endurance & then away to join you all for a summer of ease & indolence - I hope to meet you, Fanny, & son in Philadelphia. If it is not so & no good reason for it, I shall be in a towering rage I promise you. They write me from there, that F. seems a little inclined to stand on her P. & D. with them, as she thinks her son deserves more attention than has been paid him. I can hardly think she has any such feeling, knowing as she does the almost impossibility of their going to A.H. Mother's health is not such as to make winter travelling at all admissible. And it would not be worth while merely for a point of empty etiquette to pay a spring visit, when we are all so soon to be united. When she should know that they all love her & him so much, I think she ought not to make a point of so small a matter, merely for fear of the tongues of busy malicious people. If she had any reason to doubt their affection, it would be proper enough to stand on her reserved rights. But here there is no occasion for it. She says I must not call son, Jack, but I don't think I can resist the temptation. I am sure he must look the name well. He must be a small affair since he called a girl (Mrs Robinson's) his junior in age to outweigh him a good deal. The intelligence gave me quite a shock, since I had been bred in my boasts of his size. I have however for consolation resorted to the old say "a bad beginning makes a good ending." I fear you are staring the poor little fellow at F.'s descriptions, going to parties & have something to do with it. She speaks so proudly as a peacock, when telling of your devotion to him. Maybe if you'd continue to love him, I'll let you have the superintendence of his schooling, don't say, if you think it, "no! I thank you." I don't not, you smile at my liberality. Well! I do believe my whole letter will be about my two treasures. As I can't think of any but them just now, I will have to stop awhile, to get my mind turned from them & least I should bore you with nonsense & "twaddle." Since writing the foregoing, I have received F.'s, welcome weekly messenger of 27th Feb. - bearing a very welcome piece of intelligence viz that little son, was not well. I hope by this

...from Catherine ... which ...
... I wish to send him 75 ... if I have it to spare ...
... the 1st of Jan. to Mary Bradley thro' ...
... 25 not to omit doing that, and ...
... soon too, she is frail & feeble and may not live ...
... the winter too, if Lewis wants to send him John ...
... had this day offered him if he wanted to call ...
... on him but I would soon to have him borrow if I ...
... have anything Lewis thanked him told him he ...
... at present but all he needed his business (as I have ...
... it of a kind and another kept him along ...
... I enjoyed my visit at Fort Gibson but it was very ...
... pleasant to get back to our quiet home and have ...
... some time to read I carried up the New England ...
... to Mr. Butler he seemed to enjoy the personal much ...
... I left it to others. John has entered into the ...
... spirit of it much I was very I did not bring the other ...
... husband ... I was first number I think ...
... John was a feast but perhaps he will ...
... send to send for them. -
... I thought he brought his daughters & sister to see ...
... me he no wife & love to hear from so much he appears ...
... more like a tender father addressing his children

the account you gave of Louis was very gratifying. John had a letter from him bearing confirmation of the same. It is delightful to hear well of our children. Of Albert too I thank you dear ^{Mary} you did not forget to mention having heard from him. I wish to send him 75 dollars if I have it to spare after the 1st of Jan. to Mary Bradley thro' Miss Totaker 25 not to omit doing that, and soon too, she is frail & feeble and may not live the winter too, if Lewis wants to send him John had this day offered him if he wanted to call on him but I would soon to have him borrow if I have anything Lewis thanked him told him he at present but all he needed his business (as I have it of a kind and another kept him along. I enjoyed my visit at Fort Gibson but it was very pleasant to get back to our quiet home and have some time to read I carried up the New England to Mr. Butler he seemed to enjoy the personal much I left it to others. John has entered into the spirit of it much I was very I did not bring the other husband ... I was first number I think John was a feast but perhaps he will send to send for them. - I thought he brought his daughters & sister to see me he no wife & love to hear from so much he appears more like a tender father addressing his children

New Orleans December 17th 1857

Dear Mother

Enclosed find a sight check
on New York for 100\$ - a Christmas present from Fanny
& myself - We thought owing to the Hardtimes you would or
might be depriving yourself some of your ordinary & necessary
comforts such as are becoming your age - As we have every
luxury we have been in the habit of having, we are not willing
you should be without - You need a servant & I do not know
how many other things - Do not be afraid to spend it as
Thank God, there is plenty more money, so far, where this
comes from & you shall always be welcome to it -
I reached here yesterday - Am not yet entirely rest-
in health but far better than it was a couple of weeks since -
I only came down here on urgent business to be here 3 or 4 days -
Left all well at Cape Mount & Plibon - We are all
to be at better place Christmas to a childrens gathering - I
suppose you will have our dear son Will with you on
receipt of this as he proposed spending Christmas with you
I sent him some money for the purpose a week or two since
Love to Mr, Caroline & the young people - & a kiss
for my big son, to whom I will shortly write in response
to his long letter received a week since - We hope to
hear a good account of him from you -

Yours truly & affec^{ly} Geo. Murdoch



New Orleans May 15th 1854

Dear Mother

Enclosed find a
draft to your order for One Hundred
dollars - I think the last I sent you
must be used up by this time & Fanny
& I are unwilling you should want for
anything - I also send Louis a similar
amount, judging from the tenor of a letter
received from him a few days since
he is in a close pinch - You must
not feel any hesitation in accepting this
as it is no sort of inconvenience to me -
God has blessed me in the way of
means, beyond my deserts - I know it
will be a great gratification to Fanny -
I have been here 4 or 5 days & will be
3 or 4 more - All well when I left
home - My health is better - I think
I will go north early in June only for
a short time & probably without Fanny -
Love to all Yours truly Geo. Mendenhall -

Mr. Pleasants ever is a very Melancholy one - I am glad that his relative finally discovered the fact of his insanity for themselves. I had written to them several times about the subject giving it as my opinion that he ought to be in the asylum but they paid no attention to it - finally they discovered it for themselves, unwilling to be so - I have no confidence in either party, a liberty to manage Mary's property but she chooses to have her

My kindle except that of being too close to her at least I hope not but he is very stupid - I could not continue your former acquaintance with him on that account. Your afft. son Louis

South Pass, Union Co. July 18. 1859

Your kind letter of the 25th all extended to the 29th was rec'd in due course I am glad to hear that you are not entirely horrified at my beard & all the other little uglinesses which as you are pleased to suppose surround me. In fact I have an attachment to the beard & the beard has an attachment to me why then should two friends be separated? & especially when the separation can only be made by the very sharpest of instruments used in the most skilful manner?

I am very much indebted to you for your attention in reference to the papers. I have enjoyed reading them very much indeed. No one about here that I know of takes any New York papers & they are the only ones that give full accounts of the great events now going on in Europe. This is perhaps the most interesting war that we shall ever read of, for Louis Napoleon is a remarkable man & will in all probability carry out some great design by his movements. It is quite a puzzle to know what it is though the matter seems to be developing a little - Do not be afraid of sending papers because they are old - Almost everything in them is new to me for almost all the other papers that I see relate mostly to agriculture & have but little news of a general nature -

It must be very gratifying to you to see Fanny who I suppose is with you now - I am sorry that I have been able to see so little of her since my removal to New York & her to the South - All my recollections of her are so pleasant that I long to see her again & be one of a family with her as we used to be - But I am afraid that time

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Fanny Anne Muddoch

Fanny

It will soon come again & even if ~~they~~^{she} did she might
find me altered or I might think that the South
had changed her. Perhaps it is best that I should
still remember her as she was, & then there can be no
fear that my attachment to her should cease. The name
of my little girl will be at least one bond of union
between us however far or however long we may be separated
from one another. I hear good accounts of the child from
Mary. You must find out all about her when you go to New
London & tell me how she thrives & whether she talks & be-
lieves she is & whether she is likely to suffer from summer
complaint. But I am afraid you can't tell about that ^{that} and
flatter myself that I could if I were there. But tell all you can

flatter myself that I could if I saw & saw things about it

Mr Jacob Buel
New Haven
Conn

& give me the facts & then perhaps I can judge
I am sorry to hear that you feel full & I do not know
what advice to give you & if I gave you any I am afraid you
would set it down to some erroneous views connected with my
peculiar notions & perhaps it is best that I can confess ignorance
as to myself, my strength is increasing the climate agrees with me
& I enjoy myself well. I am hoping that I shall finally be
able to overcome my disease, but it may take some time yet.
Give a great deal of love to Mrs wife & her family

New York Jan 23^d 1864

Dear Mother

I have put off writing
you till nearly the last moment
that I might be able to post
you up in all my doings -

I regret that I have not
rec^d the letter of introduction
which Mr Reed proposed to
give me but I have no fears
that I shall have any difficulty.

A gentleman here has
given me a letter to General
McC Pherson in command at
Vicksburg which I shall avail
myself of if I go up the river.
My berth is taken on the
Morning Star. Her regular

old letter from
Fanny

day of sailing is Saturday
but on her last trip from
N.C. she was detained 2
or 3 days beyond her time
of starting that she might bring
despatches from Gen' Banks, in
consequence of which she will
not get off till to-morrow morning
at 9 1/2 o'clock. I feel that I
am favored by the weather &
hope that we shall get off
without a storm.

Last evening I went to
call on Sarah Lewis who
has bought a house on East
36th St No 106. Found her as
talkative as ever.

I have this morning rec^d
letters from home all well

I have had a very pleasant
visit at Nathans although
he has been a little unwell

so that he did not go out
I am writing this in
Mr Ship's office -

And now Mother good by,
I know that I shall have your
prayers & I trust that I shall
have a successful journey not
only in respect to its main
object but also in persuading
Harry to return with me -

With love to all the
family

Mrs aff^{ly}

A. G. Bristol

Hatchez Feb 24th 1864

Dear Mother

I have been here staying at Mr Marshall's for a week while ^{my} Harry is at home getting ready to go north with me. I do not yet know what route she will decide on but a letter I got from her two days ago intimates some preference for that by sea. If we take that route we shall not probably leave N. C. before Saturday March 5th

She is to take ^{my} Harry & Sally with her with the intention of putting them at school.

Knowing that you must be getting anxious I write simply to let you know the delay there is in our starting.

With love to all

Mrs affly A G Bristol

Mrs Murdoch is known & esteemed
here to be Union but obliged to
be very cautious. The girls
have been pretty strong secesh

I rec^d your letter last evening. we had the family from town
& another gentleman & an invitation was sent them to
dine at Mr Youngs on their return to town so they
left at eleven and thus I get leisure to write more
dictatedly -- with love to uncle and dear Etta tell our good
neighbours if they don't all come immediately to see
me when I return they will have nothing of the de-
lightful feeling I shall enjoy in seeing old friends
& neighbours - but to be separated a great distance
is the very thing to call forth all that good feeling to
ward old associates & friends -

Wm B. Bristol -
New Haven -
Conn -
via Chatham.

Tho I have passed a pleasant winter the climate
has been delightful and every thing bears the impression
of the month of June still we leave all without
regret to return to our old home old associates and
friends I fear our dear Mrs Staples may not live
I shall long to hear of the death of Mr Whitney we had
heard thro Chasbot and of her husband's sister Mrs
Gonder who had died suddenly - Your affte mother

Dear Mary -
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more. Had a letter from
 my, expressing his great desire
 to see me. He was in the
 know of the meeting and he was
 to be present when he was invited
 to the meeting. That night
 and to receive those who trust
 in Christ. I had a letter from
 the friends of the cause very
 much interested in the cause
 and I hope we may have
 a large number of converts
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